

NIOT Weekly Digest: January 2, 2015

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THANK YOU & HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of NIOT BG, we wanted to thank everyone for their support and encouragement during this past 2014. It has been a busy year for NIOT and we look forward to the opportunities for 2015 and beyond. There are a lot of issues to tackle and address and we look forward to continued dialogue and engagement as a community.

UPCOMING MLK CELEBRATIONS

A number of events and activities are planned as the BG Community honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The MLK Celebrations kickoff on Friday, January 16th and continue throughout the following week. The events include:

Friday, January 16th:

The Human Relations Commission's MLK Program

1:30 pm – 3pm

Keynote by Marshall Rose

Wood County Library, Downtown BG

Monday, January 19th:

BGSU Service Learning hosts their annual Day of Service

8:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thomson Student Union

Tuesday, January 20th:

BGSU MLK Speaker: Former BGSU President Sidney A. Ribeau

7:00 p.m.

Lenhart Grand Ballroom

Bowen-Thompson Student Union

SAVE THE DATE: January 22, 2015 & March 6, 2015

On Thursday, January 22nd, NIOT BG will be hosting a discussion on “Black Lives Matter” at the Wood County Public Library (Downtown BG) at 5:30 p.m. More details to come.

On Friday, March 6, 2015, NIOT BG in partnership with other groups will be coordinating an Interfaith Community Breakfast with the theme of “Building Pathways toward Peace together”. More details to come in late January.

SAVE THE DATE: February 28, 2015

The 16th Annual Black Issues Conference, sponsored by the Black Graduate Student Organization and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., in the Bowen Thompson Student Union. The keynote speaker will be Wes Hall. To Register:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/multicultural-affairs/black-issues-conference/register-for-the-black-issues-conference.html>. The conference is Free to BGSU students; non-BGSU students is \$20; staff, faculty and community members is \$30.

National NIOT Fundraising Effort

NIOT-BG is part of a broader network of local communities that are a part of the NIOT movement. We had the opportunity this summer 2014 at the National Gathering in Billings, Montana to interact and engage with these individuals. Recently, the National NIOT movement has launched a broader fundraising effort to expand its effort to support communities like Bowling Green and others.

It is not too late if you want to start the year making a donation to the National NIOT movement, as it has set a goal of raising \$20,000 by the end of 2014. As of this morning, they have raised 97% of their goal. To learn more and to give a tax-deductible donation, please visit: <https://www.crowdrise.com/donatetostophate>

#LIVENIOTBG

NIOT has introduced a new hashtag **#LIVENIOTBG** as a way to highlight strategies and other ways that individuals are living by the NIOT pledge. Join us in spreading the positive message of NIOT through this new hashtag.

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NIOT has three working groups – Outreach Initiatives, Education & Programs and Marketing & Public Relations. We are looking for interested individuals to help with these efforts. If interested, please sign-up via this link: <http://tinyurl.com/lvexb9k>. The respective heads of the working groups on the next steps will contact you.

VIDEO LIBRARY

BGSU and BG now have a video library of NIOT films. A full listing can be found here: <http://www.bgsu.edu/not-in-our-town/video-library.html> These DVDs are available for check out and can be reserved by emailing niot@bgsu.edu.

UPCOMING DIVERSITY EVENTS

An added feature to the NIOT Weekly Digest will be a listing of diversity-related events in the BGSU & BG community for the upcoming week. If you have events that you would like listed, please contact Gary or myself (emails listed below).

**** No events for the upcoming week ****

** Please feel free to share this Weekly Digest with interested colleagues and friends. If individuals and groups want to receive the emails, they can sign-up at the NIOT website at www.bgsu.edu/notinourtown or contact Gary or myself. **

If you have items that you wish to be included for future editions of the NIOT Weekly Digest, you can submit to: niot@bgsu.edu.
You can also contact the NIOT Co-Chairs, Ray Plaza (rplaza@bgsu.edu) or Rev. Gary Saunders (pastorgary@bgpresb.org)